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TAGS: PDIP, US, VN  
SUBJECT: US-VIETNAM RELATIONS: THIRD ROUND OF TALKS

REF: STATE 281157

1. EMBOFF MADE CONTACT WITH SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH ON NOVEMBER 24 AND ARRANGED TO MEET AT 1430 NOVEMBER 25. EMBOFF PROVIDED THE LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE US SIDE AS CONTAINED IN PARA 2 REFTEL AND MADE THE POINTS IN PARA 1.

2. DO THANH GAVE EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING LIST OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION AND THE INTERPRETER:

1. PHAN HIEN, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
2. PHAN VAN HUNG, ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR OF THE SRV EMBASSY
3. DO THANH, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SRV EMBASSY
4. TRAN THIEN CAN, PRESS OFFICER OF THE SRV EMBASSY

LE MAI, DEPARTMENT OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS OF MFA, INTERPRETER

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(DO THANH NOTED THAT ONLY TWO PERSONS WERE COMING FROM HANOI BECAUSE OF THE EXPENSE.)

3. DO THANH SAID THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS BASICALLY FOLLOWED THOSE IN PARA 1, REFTEL.  
A. THE SRV WAS PROPOSING 930 OR 1000 DECEMBER 7

AS THE TIME OF THE FIRST MEETING, AND THEREFORE ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSAL FOR 1000. THEY THOUGHT THAT THE MEETINGS COULD TAKE PLACE NEARLY CONTINUOUSLY IN ORDER TO AVOID WASTING TIME. HOWEVER, EITHER SIDE COULD PROPOSE INTERRUPTIONS IF IT WERE NECESSARY TO GET INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

B. THE SRV EMBASSY HAS ALREADY INFORMED THE GOF OF THE PLACE AND DAYS OF THE MEETINGS. C. THE SRV AGREED TO HAVE THE SAME SYSTEM OF RECORDING THE SESSIONS AS LAST TIME. D. THE SRV AGREED TO HAVE THE PRESS HANDLED AS THE PREVIOUS TIMES. THEY WOULD PERMIT A POOL OF JOURNALISTS INTO THE EMBASSY CONFERENCE ROOM TO PHOTOGRAPH PRIOR TO THE SESSION, BUT THEY WOULD WISH THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN POOL IN ADVANCE. ALSO, AS IN THE PAST, THEY THOUGHT THE TWO SIDES' PRESS CONFERENCES SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT DIFFERENT TIMES TO PERMIT THE JOURNALISTS TO ATTEND BOTH. SINCE THE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE SRV EMBASSY AND THE JOURNALISTS WILL BE OUTSIDE THAT BUILDING, THE SRV PROPOSES THAT THE SRV PRESS CONFERENCE TAKE PLACE FIRST AND THEN THE JOURNALISTS CAN ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. DO THANH NOTED THAT PHAN HIEN HAS NOT YET DEFINITELY DECIDED WHETHER HE WOULD GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE.

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4. EMBOFF GAVE DO THANH THE COPY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT AND Q AND A (STATE 281127).

5. EMBOFF TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE MEETING AGAIN TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF SOME SUBSTANTIVE REPLY CONCERNING THE BRILLIG AFFAIR AND NOTED THAT MORE THAN SIX WEEKS HAD ELAPSED SINCE THE YACHT WAS SEIZED.

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